City of Takoma Park

SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

Agenda

DATE:

Thursday, May 12, 2005

TIME:

6:30 to 8:30 PM

LOCATION:

Savory Cafe, Carroll Avenue at Columbia Avenue, Takoma

Park, Maryland

- 1. Review / Adopt 3/10 Meeting Minutes
- 2. Brief Announcements / Updates
 - Bike to Work Day Resolution
 - Ilona Senior Planner
- 3. Action Items
 - Council Recommendations / Follow-up
 - What's Next for the SRC?
- 4. Status Reports
 - Cindy Creamer, Chief of Takoma Park Police
- 5. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2005

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in Savory Cafe, 7071 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Greg Castano, Katherine Kelly, Suzanna Banwell, Susan Solarz,

Laurie Kelly, Robert Patten, Sanjay Grover

Members Absent: Larry Rubin, Steve Moody, Michael Goodno

Staff Present: Ilona Blanchard, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

2. Adoption of Minutes: vote on reading, vote on adoption

The minutes were not adopted until further editing.

3. Brief Announcements / Updates

Good Work - The Chair thanked Committee members who had worked on the FY06 Budget Priority Recommendations.

Bike to Work Day - The Chair reminded the committee of the upcoming bike to work day and made a challenge to other committee members to bike to work or otherwise recognize the day.

Congratulations - The Chair congratulated Ilona Blanchard on her promotion. This will not change staffing of the Safe Roadways Committee in the near term.

4. Status Reports – Takoma Park Police Department Chief Cynthia Creamer

The Chair asked the Chief to brief the Committee on Pedestrian safety hotspots and also to let the Committee know how it might work with the Police Department.

Cedar/Philadelphia – the Police department has been holding stings on Philadelphia Avenue – issuing tickets and warnings. It has had a speed trailer out on various days to slow down traffic. The speed trailer can only be out so long before the trailer must come back to the department to be recharged.

The biggest problem area for pedestrian/vehicular conflicts: New Hampshire 7600 block to North of University Boulevard. Many people are crossing but not at crosswalks.

around Mount Rainier and Capitol Heights with respect to Prince George's County Police. The City does work with the DC and Metro Police pretty well. (back to location question) CC: 3-6 officers are on patrol all the time, in addition to patrolling, these officers respond to calls and do traffic enforcement. They are often asked to focus on areas where we have problems. Only on days where there is not enough manpower to have several people out at once will there be no one patrolling.

Comment: it would be nice if there were more enforcement/speed trailer on New Hampshire Avenue. – Lots of interest in installing a speed sign that measures speeds on New Hampshire Avenue, would like to know how much it would cost.

5. Action Items

What's next for SRC? The Chair would like to task the committee with developing a project list and doing research on projects the Committee would like to undertake in line with the FY06 SRC Priority Recommendations to the Council.

Asked Staff to give the Committee information regarding ECD budget items.

5. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Ilona Blanchard, Associate Planner

Approved

Greg Castano, Chair